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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented). A game comprising:

- (a) a substantially flat longitudinal playing surface having two ends;
- (b) a marker, placed at one end of the playing surface;
- 5 (c) a scoring goal, placed at the end of the playing surface opposite the marker, the scoring goal having
 - an outer scoring area having a perimeter and located on the playing surface,
 - an inner scoring area having a perimeter and located on the playing
 - 10 surface at least partially within the perimeter of the outer scoring area,
 - a game pole inserted into the playing surface within the [[area]] perimeter of the outer scoring area, and
 - a ball for placing on top of the game pole; and
- (d) at least two game balls for pitching or bowling at the scoring goal.

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Claim 2 (original). The game according to claim 1 additionally including a scoreboard.

Claim 3 (original). A game comprising:

- (a) a substantially flat longitudinal playing surface having two ends;
- 20 (b) a marker, placed at one end of the playing surface;
- (c) a scoring goal, placed at the end of the playing surface opposite the marker, the scoring goal having
 - at least three outer poles inserted into the playing surface forming
 - an outer scoring area,
 - 25 at least three inner poles inserted into the playing surface forming
 - an inner scoring area located within the area of the outer scoring area,
 - ~~a game pole inserted into the playing surface within the area of the~~
 - outer scoring area, and
 - a ball for placing on top of the game pole; and

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- (d) at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal.

Claim 4 (original). The game of claim 3, wherein the game balls include,

- (a) a first set of at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal, each ball having a different color; and
(b) a second set of at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal, each ball having a marking of a different color corresponding to the different colors of the first set of game balls.

Claim 5 (currently amended). ~~The game of claim 3, wherein the scoring goal is comprised of:~~ A game comprising:

a substantially flat longitudinal playing surface having two ends;
a marker, placed at one end of the playing surface;
a scoring goal, placed at the end of the playing surface opposite the marker, the
scoring goal having

- (a) four outer poles inserted into the playing surface forming an outer square having a perimeter and center point;
- (b) an outer boundary formed by the four outer poles;
- (c) four inner poles inserted into the playing surface forming an inner square having a center point in common with the outer square and a perimeter smaller than the perimeter of the outer square;
- (d) an inner boundary formed by the four inner poles;
- (e) a game pole inserted into the playing surface at the center point of the outer square and the inner square; and
- (f) a ball for placing on top of the game pole; and
at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal.

Claim 6 (original). The game of claim 5 additionally including a line attached to the four outer poles to form the outer boundary and a line attached to the four inner poles to form an inner boundary.

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Claim 7 (original). The game of claim 5, wherein each of the inner poles has a color different from the other inner poles.

- 5 **Claim 8 (original).** The game of claim 7, wherein the game balls include,
- (a) a first set of at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal, each ball having a different color; and
 - (b) a second set of at least two game balls for pitching or rolling at the scoring goal, each ball having a marking of a different color corresponding to the
- 10 different colors of the first set of game balls.

Claim 9 (original). The game of claim 8, wherein the first set of game balls includes four balls, each having a different color corresponding to the different colors of the inner poles.

15 **Claim 10 (original).** The game of claim 9 additionally including a scoreboard.

Claims 11 - 17 (canceled).

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